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MEMORANDUM TO

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SUBJECT: Release of NIE's to USIA

REFERENCE: IAC-D-82/3

1. The reference requires "a determination by the IAC on the dissemination to USIA of each estimate at the time of its final approval."

2. There are several methods open to us:

a. Include USIA in the Board's usual recommendation regarding release and put it on the IAC Agenda. This has the advantage of formalizing the action and probably adds little to the burden of IAC meetings.

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b. Handle the matter by memorandum in each case with a deadline for approval by telephone. This has the advantage of keeping it out of the IAC meeting but adds to paper work and telephoning. Oral concurrences are not a good record unless confirmed in writing. Action taken could be recorded in Secretary's Notes, however.

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c. Include item in "Secretary's Notes" indicating release will be made if no negative replies are received by a certain time. This has advantage of simplicity but doubt G-2 will buy it. Any decision based on failure of someone to act by a certain time is rather dangerous, I feel. A safety feature might be reporting action taken in subsequent Secretary's Notes.

d. Another possibility would be to take this matter up at the final meeting of the IAC representatives on the paper and then report the matter in the Secretary's Notes. It would seem to me that the agencies would know by that time whether the estimate was appropriate for USIA or not.

3. On balance, I favor the above in the inverse order of presentation. The method will depend on what G-2 will buy.



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